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OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH,

SALEM, ALABAMA,

OCTOBER 10th to 12th, 1899.

REV. GEO. E. BREWER.....Moderator.....Notasulga, Ala.
REV. J. H. WALLACE.....Clerk.....Opelika, Ala.
A. M. CAMERON.....Treasurer.....Notasulga, Ala.

The next session will be held with Liberty Church (Lee County), beginning Tuesday before the Third Sunday in October, 1900, at 10:00 A. M.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS WITH MEMBERSHIP IN THE TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION.

Rev. W. R. Adams	Hattie, Ala.
Rev. G. S. Anderson	Auburn, Ala.
Rev. Geo. E. Brewer	Notasulga, Ala.
Rev. S. J. Catts	Tuskegee, Ala.
Rev. J. B. Clements	Alliance, Ala.
Rev. J. J. Cloud	Auburn, Ala.
Rev. W. T. Foster	Notasulga, Ala.
Rev. W. G. Gregory	Golddust, Ala.
Rev. S. R. Grimes	Notasulga, Ala.
Rev. C. W. Hare	Tuskegee, Ala.
Rev. D. Horn	Church Hill, Ala.
Rev. F. T. Hudson	Auburn, Ala.
Rev. J. F. Purser	Opelika, Ala.
Rev. Z. D. Roby	Opelika, Ala.
Rev. J. H. Wallace	Opelika, Ala.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening services.
2. Read the Letters from the Churches and enroll Delegates.
3. Invite Ministers of our Order to seats with us.
4. Organize by electing Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Call for petitionary Letters.
6. Receive Correspondents from Sister Associations.
7. Appoint Committees on Preaching, Documents and State of Religion, Home and Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, Temperance, Deceased Ministers, State Missions and Colportage, Orphans' Home, Institute Work, Nomination, and Woman's Work and Young People's Union.
8. Appoint Correspondents to Sister Associations.
9. Appoint Delegates to State Convention.
10. Hear report of Executive Committee.
11. Hear report of any other Committee appointed last Session.
12. Elect the Executive Committee.
13. Hear report from the several Committees appointed this Session.
14. Hear Treasurer's Report.
15. Determine where the next Session of the Association will be held.
16. Arrange for Printing Minutes and Distribution.
17. Miscellaneous Business.
18. Closing Exercises.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT SESSION OF 1900.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W. E. Hudmon, C. W. Hare, Dr. J. M. Love,
F. E. Haynie, J. J. Cloud, J. C. Condon.

EDUCATION.

Z. D. Roby, P. H. Mell. D. D. Fonville,
Ben McLaren, J. L. Jackson.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

W. E. Lloyd, J. F. Duggar, C. W. Hare.

STATE MISSIONS AND COLPORTAGE.

F. T. Hudson, J. C. Condon, J. H. Wallace.

TEMPERANCE.

W. G. Gregory, E. M. Swearengen, W. R. Adams.

DECEASED MINISTERS.

W. T. Foster, C. B. Hugly, J. L. Wise.

DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

J. J. Cloud, J. C. Pinkston, Tolbert Letcher.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lum Duke, J. M. Love, E. W. Solomon.

ORPHANS' HOME.

J. F. Purser, S. W. Whitman, B. F. Stripling.

INSTITUTE WORK.

G. S. Anderson, Hodge Becker, W. A. Hobson.

NOMINATION.

B. F. Stripling, R. B. Parker, J. C. Houston,
M. W. Whitman.

WOMAN'S WORK AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

P. H. Mell, T. J. Carlisle, W. E. Jackson,
J. W. Partridge.

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Minutes.

Salem, Ala., Oct. 10, 1899.

The Tuskegee Baptist Association met this day in its fifty-fourth annual session in the meeting house of the Salem Baptist Church, with which the Association had adjourned the previous year to meet.

In the enforced absence of the former Moderator, W. T. B. Lynch, at 10 o'clock A. M., Rev. Z. D. Roby, Pastor of Salem Church, called to order and welcomed the Association.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Hamner, of the Harris Association. Opening prayer by Rev. W. E. Lloyd, of the East Liberty Association.

Scripture Lesson—A portion of the 12th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Rev. Geo. E. Brewer.

After the collection of the church letters, they were read by Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Secretary of the State Board of Missions, and the following messengers enrolled:

Antioch—D. A. Barker, W. T. Darnell and J. D. Darnell.

Auburn—Hodge Becker and Rev. J. J. Cloud.

Concord, Lee—H. Pitts and Rev. J. H. Wallace.

Concord, Macon—J. T. Goins.

County Line—S. B. Fears and W. S. Adams.

Cubahatchee—J. C. Pinkston and P. B. Crum.

Elam, Macon—C. B. Huguly, W. L. Simpson and L. L. May.

Elam, Tallapoosa—Rev. W. G. Gregory and B. S. Parker.

LaPlace—E. M. Swearengen,

Liberty—A. B. Mays, P. B. Bean, Geo. W. Simms an W. R. Key.

Loachapoka—Rev. F. T. Hudson, T. J. Carlisle, J. L. Wise and N. G. Macon.

Mount Pleasant—T. S. Wilkerson, J. B. Segrest, Wm. Ruff and W. A. Harison.

Notasulga—Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, Rev. W. T. Foster, W. J. Day, Albert M. Thomason and A. M. Cameron.

Opelika—Rev. Z. D. Roby, Rev. J. F. Purser and W. E. Hudmon.

Pleasant Grove—B. F. Stripling and M. M. Foster.

Pleasant Hill—Rev. J. B. Clements and R. M. Youngblood.

Pleasant Springs—John Raiford and Charlie Boles.

Providence—Monroe Long and J. A. Walton.

Rocky Mount—J. L. Howard and W. W. King.

Salem, Lee—H. G. Adams, Dr. J. M. Love, T. E. Stringer.

Salem, Macon.—R. L. Jackson.

Shiloh—S. C. Williams, W. M. Jenkins, J. E. Short, W. E. Jackson and J. T. Wade.

Society Hill—Reuben Lawson.

Tuskegee—Represented by letter.

Union Grove—W. W. Williams, S. H. Jarrell, W. D. Newman and J. E. Smith.

Visiting Ministers were invited to seats.

Election of officers was declared in order, and on motion the rules were suspended and the following officers were elected by acclamation, viz:

Moderator, Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, Notasulga, Ala.

Clerk, Rev. J. H. Wallace, Opelika, Ala.

Treasurer, A. M. Cameron, Notasulga, Ala.

Petitionary Letters being called for, the following churches made application, by letter, for membership, and were received—the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship—viz:

Antioch, Mount Pleasant and Pleasant Springs, all of which formerly were of the Tallapoosa River Association, which has been dissolved.

Correspondents, visitors and representatives reported, on invitation, as follows, viz:

Harris Association—Rev. J. W. Hamner, L. R. Wheeless and J. H. Bean.

Montgomery Association—J. G. Harris.

East Liberty Association—Rev. W. E. Lloyd, Rev. J. P. Hunter, Rev. J. L. Thompson, G. W. Dawson, W. H. Betts and G. L. Griffin.

State Board of Missions—Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

The Alabama Baptist—J. G. Harris, Editor of the Paper.

Visitors—Rev. J. W. Howard, of Columbus, Ga.

Correspondents Returned—Any member of this Association in attendance at the session of any sister association is authorized to represent this body in said association.

On motion a committee on Religious Services was appointed, consisting of Rev. Z. D. Roby, the delegates of Salem Church and Rev. F. T. Hudson.

In the absence of Rev. S. J. Catts, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, the committee reports that it be preached tonight by Rev. J. P. Hunter, of the East Liberty; and as Rev. J. F. Purser's health will not admit of

his preaching the Missionary Sermon,that Rev. W. E. Lloyd, of the East Liberty, preach it tomorrow at 11 A. M.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the State Convention, which meets at Gadsden, November 8, 1899.

Rev. W. G. Gregory, Rev. J. F. Purser, Rev. Z. D. Roby, T. J. Carlisle, Rev. J. J. Cloud, Rev. J. H. Wallace, Rev. F. T. Hudson, Rev. G. S. Anderson and Rev. S. J. Catts.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention:

Rev. J. F. Purser, Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, alternate.

Report of the Executive Committee read by the Chairman, W. E. Hudmon.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee begs leave to report as follows: At a meeting of the committee held at the Opelika Baptist Church in February last agreed to supplement the pastors' salaries at the following named churches, to-wit:

Rev. Z. D. Roby, Salem Church, Lee county	$ 25 00
Rev. G. E. Brewer, Loachapoka Church	25 00
Rev. W. T. Foster, Society Hill Church	25 00
Rev. W. R. Adams, Pleasant Hill Church	25 00
Rev. W. G. Gregory, Mt. Pleasant Church	25 00
Total	$125 00

On motion W. E. Hudmon was elected Treasurer of Executive Committee.

We recommend that the funds sent up by the churches to this body for associational purposes be applied to the payment of $32.36, balance due by Executive Committee, as per W. E. Hudmon's report as Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, W. E. HUDMON,
Chairman.

Brother Hudmon, being treasurer of the Executive Committee, made his report.

W. E. HUDMON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNTT WITH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1899.		
March 27	To E. W. Solomon, Salem Church, Lee Co...	$ 5 00
April 25	To J. H. Wallace, Shiloh Church	2 50
May 1	To G. E. Brewer, Notasulga Church	4 62
May 8	To J. H. Wallace, Rocky Mount Church	2 50
May 17	To J. H. Wallace, Concord Church, Lee Co...	2 50
May 25	To Monroe Green, Union Grove Church	2 50
May 29	To J. L. West, Loachapoka Church	2 45
June 3	To G. W. Meadows, Pleasant Grove Church	70
Aug. 10	To S. B. Fears, County Line Church	3 00
Aug. 12	To A. M. Cameron, Notasulga Church	2 81
Aug. 12	To J. L. West, Loachapoka Church	1 76
Aug. 13	To W. M. Hopson, Opelika Church	25 00
Sept. 1	To W. A. Jackson, Salem Church, Macon Co.	50
Sept. 1	To George Key, Liberty Church	2 94
Sept. 1	To G. A. Huguly, Elam Church, Macon Co.	3 58
Sept. 22	To S. B. Fears, County Line Church	2 00
Sept. 30	To J. L. West, Loachapoka Church	71
Oct. 2	To A. M. Cameron, Notasulga Church	2 57
Oct. 6	To S. J. Catts, Tuskegee Church	25 00
Total		$92 64
March 28	By Z. D. Roby	$ 5 00
May 1	By G. E. Brewer	4 62
May 22	By G. E. Brewer	2 45
June 3	By W. R. Adams	7 50
Aug. 10	By W. R. Adams	3 00
Aug. 12	By G. E. Brewer	2 81
Aug. 15	By G. E. Brewer	1 76
July 20	By Z. D. Roby	3 20
Aug. 15	By Z. D. Roby	16 80
Sept. 1	By W. G. Gregory	15 22
Sept. 2	By W. R. Adams	2 00
Oct. 2	By G. E. Brewer	3 28
Oct. 6	By W. F. Foster	25 00
		$92 64
Balance due Rev. G. E. Brewer		$10 08
Balance due Rev. W. R. Adams		12 50
Balance due Rev. W. G. Gregory		9 78
Total		$32 36

Respectfully submitted, W. E. HUDMON,
Treasurer Executive Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF W. E. HUDMON, TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The churches sent up cash for associational missions		$23 18
Collection, after Missionary Sermon, amounting to		10 85
Total		$34 03
The following balance paid:		
Due to Rev. G. E. Brewer	$10 08	
Due to Rev. W. R. Adams	12 50	
Due to Rev. W. G. Gregory	9 78	
		$32 36
Leaving balance for associational missions		$1 67

W. E. HUDMON,
Treasurer Executive Committee.

On motion the report was adopted after being discussed by W. E. Hudmon, Rev. Z. D. Roby, Rev. W. G. Gregory and Rev. W. B. Crumpton.

On motion the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions together with Institute Work were read and discussed jointly.

Report on Home and Foreign Missions was read by Rev. Z. D. Roby, Chairman.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To distinguish between home missions and foreign missions, so as to discuss them separately and at the same time intelligently, is no longer possible. In the beginning of the modern missionary movement and for some years thereafter, there may have been wisdom in drawing imaginary lines and thus dividing the one world-wide field into sections; then cross fences may have been advantageous to the work and helpful to the workers; but as matters now stand, cross fences are barriers to progress and should be removed. Some of our so-called home mission work is further from us than some of our so-called foreign mission work. The truth is, "the field is the world"; Christ died for the world; he commands us to go into all the world and preach the gospel. In its Christ-likeness, the missionary spirit of today, with its irrepressible energy, enterprise and benevolence, is rapidly overleaping all state lines, all national bounds, areas and all race distinctions; the only race known to the true missionary spirit is the human race and the only work-limits this spirit recognizes are the ends of the earth. By and by every tribe and kindred and tongue shall have learned Messiah's name; and ere long, in all the languages and dialects of all the world, will be proclaimed the old, old story of Jesus and his love. Until then, our work is not done. Until then, let us

press on, ever trusting in Him whose right it is to reign.

Have you thought how rapidly the world's evangelization is now going forward? Very few of us have or can have any proper conception of the speed with which the gospel is being spread abroad.

Less than 50 years ago, any one could call the names of all the missionaries and could tell their stations, and that, too, without any stretch or strain of memory. Today there are 12,000 Protestant foreign missionaries together with an almost innumerable army of native assistants, deployed over the field, all bravely battling, in loyalty to the captain of our salvation, for the conquest of the world

Just a little more than 100 years ago, $65 was all that could be raised for foreign missions; now more than $15,000,000 go into this work every year. Within the present century, any effort to give the gospel to the heathen was scoffed and most keenly ridiculed, and that, too, by the most prominent, intelligent and influential churchmen in all the world. None favored, but all opposed the spirit and the work of missions. How is it now? Today there is not a christian denomination on this globe, with one small exception, that does not advocate and practice and find their highest joy and chiefest glory in what is being done for the advancement of the Great Redeemer's kingdom.

Some of us here today can well remember many of the obstacles which once rose mountain high and seemed insuperable in the way of this work. The doors of Pagan nations were then closed and barred against the heralds of the gospel. How and by whom were these to be opened? Now, behold what God hath wrought! In a recent address, Bishop Thoburn, of India, said that since he went out as a missionary, the doors of gospel access have been thrown open to more than 700,000,000 of people.

Ignorance of language was another great obstacle. Now the Bible is translated and read in 360 languages and dialects. Judson prayed that he might live to translate the Bible and to see 100 converts to christianity. He did translate the Bible and saw not only 100, but 7,361 converts.

Think of the very meager facilities for transportation and for communication with which this work had to be prosecuted only a few decades ago, and then remember how God's miraculous providences have marvelously conspired to overcome and brush away this great obstacle. To the mind of your committee, the most wonderful, important and inspiring chapter in all this world's history is chapter on christian missions. Oh, what a work has been already done for the uplift, civilization and salvation of this needy, perishing world!

In merely a temporal sense, the life and labors of Carey alone have been worth more to England and through Eng-

land to the world than all proud England's truly great and noble statesmen. What shall be said of the lives and influence of such missionaries as the Judsons, Morrison, Yates and hundreds of their coadjutors at home and abroad.

If any christian feels discouraged, if any one doubts the success of this God-appointed, God-directed enterprise, let such an one look up and climb up to a higher level and get a broader outlook. Such an one shall see that morning light has broken, that the darkness is lifting and scattering and fleeing rapidly away before the approaching, full orbed splendors of perfect day.

Below we give a few figures, feebly representing what is being done by a small detachment of God's great hosts of missionary workers. Please remember that the S. B. C., through its Home and Foreign Mission Boards, represents but a part of the mission work done by the 1,586,709 Baptists of the South. Last year, ending May 1, 1899, these boards reported contributions aggregating $197,828.83. Of this amount the 127,940 Baptists in Alabama contributed $21,050.15; and of this sum the 1,563 members of the Tuskegee Association $320.46. You can make your own calculations and reach your own conclusions from these figures.

Respectfully,

Z. D. Roby,
Chairman Committee.

After some announcements the Association adjourned till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. W. G. Gregory.

Dr. J. M. Love made report for committee on hospitality.

Report on State Missions and Colportage read by J. J. Cloud, chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS AND COLPORTAGE.

In this great state of ours, to which God has given so much wealth, education and refinement, we find vast fields of religious destitution. The object of the State Mission Board is to occupy these fields—supply preachers, build churches, cultivate and elevate the people along those lines of christian usefulness which would cause the desert to blossom like the rose. The Board has accomplished a great work, but much remains to be done. The chief difficulties in the way of these people's betterment seems to be ignorance, poverty and prejudice.

Our forces are equal to the emergency if we could only command them, but in their unorganized condition progress is slow, but hopeful. For instance, we have in this state 1,017 white Baptist preachers, and about 800 of them are not co-operating with the Board. Again, we have in the state 1,720 white Baptist churches, and of this number only about

500 contribute anything to missions. Then again, we have about 125,000 white members of our churches, and less than 20,000 of this number contribute to our denominational enterprises. Now, to get control of these great numbers, and to bring them into hearty co-operation with all our denominational enterprises, is an important part of our state mission work.

Up to the last meeting of the convention, the Board had in its employ 21 men, who were engaged as missionary evangelists, and missionary pastors, and missionary colporters.

The following summary of work is reported :

Days of service	3,214
Miles traveled	20,672
Sermons preached	1,448
Addresses delivered	378
Baptized	220
Sunday schools organized	39
Prayer meetings held	287
Number churches visited	643
Bibles and testaments sold	388
Bibles and testaments given away	50
Tracts distributed	30,000

The Corresponding Secretary says: "Looking over the reports of the workers, I am persuaded that the character of the work has been of very high grade. The evangelists and missionaries have touched many of our people, and there has been perceptible increase in the number of regular contributors. Much of the missionary pastoral work gives promise of permanent upbuilding."

We recommend to the churches increased liberality and regular contributions: "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."—I Cor. 16 : 2.

J. J. Cloud,
F. T. Hudson,
C. W. Hare.

Report on Institute Work read by W. E. Hudmon.

REPORT ON INSTITUTE WORK.

In importance, the institute work is second to none of the great interests fostered by Alabama Baptists. In a very real sense it is foundation work. If the great bodies of Baptists are to be led into fields of greater activity, God's appointed men must lead. If the vast, undeveloped powers of our people are to be turned to the Master's service, God's appointed leaders must arouse and develop these powers by enlightening our Baptist hosts. Some of these leaders have had good training; many have had few early advantages. For our young men we have our schools, our colleges and the seminary; but in every state there are hundreds of our

noblest and most consecrated preachers of the gospel who can never attend these schools. What can we do for them? They are located, they are married men; some have large families and small farms; some have naught save the small salary paid by a poor church. What we propose to do for them is just this: Organize and put on wheels the very best theological seminary we can and send it to these brethren. The results will be widespread, lasting and redound to the glory of God.

Two years ago at East Lake, the Institute Board of the Alabama Baptist State Convention was created. This Board is located at Opelika: President, W. E. Hudmon; Superintendent of Institutes, Dr. G. S. Anderson; Secretary, Dr. G. A. Hornady; Acting Treasurer, John F. Purser.

During the year 13 institutes have been held, attended by 177 ministers. W. E. HUDMON.

The foregoing reports were discussed by W. E. Hudmon and Rev. W. B. Crumpton.

Prayer by Rev. J. J. Cloud.

Adjournment.

TUESDAY NIGHT.

Preaching by Rev. J. P. Hunter from Rom. 12: 1—"Christian Consecration."

Closing prayer by Rev. W. T. Foster.

Adjourned till 9 A. M.

Benediction by Rev. J. P. Hunter.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. G. Gregory. Scripture, read the 2nd Psalm. Prayers by Rev. F. T. Hudson and W. E. Hudmon, after which the roll was called and corrected.

Announcement of Standing Committees for next session. See first page.

Dr. W. E. Lloyd, Chairman of Report on Education, having no report prepared—he knew not that he was on the committee—asked to be excused from writing one. His request was granted and Prof. T. J. Carlisle was appointed in his place.

Dr. G. S. Anderson, Chairman of Report on Temperance, being absent, Rev. W. T. Foster was appointed to prepare a report.

The discussion of the impending question—Missions—was continued, Rev. W. E. Lloyd and J. G. Harris. Adopted.

Report of Deceased Ministers read by the Chairman, E. M. Swearengen.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Tuskegee Association, 1899:

Your committee beg leave to report: We bow with reverence to the will of our Heavenly Father, and are pleased to report that He has spared our ministers another year, no death having occurred among them.

Respectiully submitted, E. M. SWEARINGEN,
Chairman.

Adopted without discussion.

The report on Documents and State of Religion, of which C. B. Huguly was Chairman, was, by request, read by the Clerk.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee on Documents and State of Religion begs leave to report: That, so far as it is able to judge, there is a livelier interest felt in religion by our denomination today than there was one year ago. The many reports in our denominational paper from pastors and brethren of the revivals in their midst establishes this belief. Besides this, the concern manifested by the Baptists of Alabama to follow that injunction, which comes nearer occupying a place by the ten commandments than any other, "Owe no man," is another proof of advancement in religious activity. We are constrained to believe that the successful effort by our brethren to raise funds and pay up the different debts due by the Baptists of Alabama was primarily a work of grace and faith and no one can gainsay that this effort and the results have been a means of grace to our brotherhood, enabling them to enjoy a higher plane of religious life.

So what we have done in the past year could as easily have been accomplished years ago, and now that we have the proof that God will help those who in truth try to help themselves, let us consecrate our hopes, energies and determination to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Him whom to know will give us clearer conceptions of our duty and a more ready willingness to perform it with an eye single to God's glory.

C. B. HUGULY,
Chairman Committee.

Adopted without discussion.

The report on Sunday school was read by Dr. J. M. Love, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday School Committee respectfully submits the following report:

1st.	Number of churches composing Tuskegee Association	22
	Total membership reported last year	1436
2nd.	Number of Sunday schools reported	14
	Pupils enrolled	936
	Average attendance	625

Number of churches Oct. 11, 1899	25
Number of churches represented at present session	25
Number of Sunday schools	17
Number of pupils enrolled	896
Number officers and teachers	125
Number baptized from Sunday schools	48

Your committee feels that our associations generally do not give that consideration to the Sunday school report its great importance demands. When we take into consideration the number of churches that have no Sunday schools, the number of church members where there are schools who apparently are not interested in Sunday school work, and the vast number of young people and children (both sexes) growing up within the bounds of the Tuskegee Association, almost at our doors, outside of Sunday school influence or religious instruction of any sort, we are appalled. The theology of Cain was "that he was not his brother's keeper." Cain's doctrine was heterdox—at the beginning of the human family. Who dare preach it today? Yet our indifference, carelessness, thoughtlessness relative to this great work demonstrates that the consciences of a great many professed christians do not occasion much loss of sleep. At whose door does the fault lie? Is the preacher to blame? Is the church? Or are we all guilty? Let us all present these questions to our own hearts, and may God give us the grace and courage to answer honestly.

The Sunday school is the camp of instruction for young soldiers of the cross, the great missionary to the future; our other benevolent agencies relate primarily to the present. This goes to meet and bless the young of today, also the generation that is coming; to win them from ignorance and sin; to train future laborers, when our places shall know us no more. The Sunday school tends to direct increasing study of the Bible, to build up churches, to foster a missionary spirit, to increase both our capacity and willingness for every good work, and many of us in some form or other are laboring for their advancement. The Pastor finds in it the aid of many earnest souls co-operating with him to improve the spiritual interest of the church. The work of State Missions is materially benefitted. Often a new Sunday school leads to a new church. A regular Sunday school creates a desire for more fervent preaching. The Home and Foreign Boards find in them a soil ready prepared for the sowing of seed that will germinate, grow and bear fruit, which shall go to feed a people perishing in darkness, ignorance and sin. The Sunday school, to all of our denominational enterprises, is feeder, while it rivals none. Everything christians care for would greatly suffer if its influence were lost. All will gain in proportion as its influence is fostered and extended.

Surely this is a work demanding the lively sympathy

and hearty support of all who love Him, who loved little children. Fraternally submitted, J. M. Love,
Chairman.

Prayer by Rev. J. L. Thompson.

Preaching by Dr. W. E. Lloyd from II Kings 5: 13, "Wash, and be clean."

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Hamner.

Brethren Hudmon, Foster, Hunter and Adams took up collection to the amount of $10.85, which was given to the Executive Committee for weak churches.

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The impending question—Sunday Schools—was discussed by Rev. J. W. Hamner, Rev. J. P. Hunter, Dr. J. M, Love, W. E. Hudmon, T. J. Carlisle and Rev. J. H. Wallace. Adopted.

Report on Orphans' Home read by Chairman, W. T. Foster.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Your committee begs leave to report as follows:

The home was temporarily located at Evergreen, Jan. 16, 1893. It was opened to receive its first inmates March 18, 1893. Brother Stewart was asked to take the management of it without salary, which he did. By November, '93, there had been gathered into it 22 children. The trustees decided to locate the home permanently at Evergreen and purchased property consisting of 80 acres of land, 30 acres of which are in farm use, 30 pasture and 20 woods, with a brick building of ten rooms and three tenannt buildings. The purchase price was $5,000, in three payments, with interest on each payment, which amounted to $5,400.33. This debt was promptly paid. Improvements have been added.

So our orphanage has been in operation little more than six years. During this time we have received into it 49 boys and 68 girls, and out of it have gone 28 boys and 27 girls, leaving in the institution 21 boys and 42 girls, 63 in all. These children came from 24 counties.

The home is situated on Main street, next door to the Agricultural School, where no tuition is charged and where all of our children that are old enough attend. The boys are taught to work on the farm and the girls to do various kinds of housework. The crop the boys were making this year was greatly damaged by a hailstorm early in June.

Mrs. C. M. Ansley, who had been matron since the home began, retired from the work with the beginning of this year and Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy, of Greensboro, was elected to fill that position. It is gratifying to note the continued im-

provement in the domestic life of the children. The matron has arranged one of the rooms for a chapel and every Sunday afternoon a happy band make melody their hearts to the Lord.

During this year the children have been put in uniforms, which adds much to their appearance, and is no more expensive than their former dress. It promotes family life. It takes about ten dollars a day to support the family besides what they get in goods. They have no income except the offerings of their friends.

Your committee do earnestly recommend that each church contribute regularly to this important work.

W. T Foster.

Discussed by Rev. W. T. Foster, Rev. J. W. Hamner, Rev. Z. D. Roby, L. R. Wheeless and W. E. Hudmon. Adopted.

Report on Temperance read by Rev. W. T. Foster.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance recommends that the following be adopted by this association:

Resolved, That our churches be requested to continue in the future, as in the present, to use all possible efforts to rid themselves and their respective communities of all intemperance.

W. T. Foster.

Discussed by Rev. W. T. Foster and Dr. J. M. Love. Adopted.

Adjourned till 7 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. G. Gregory.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Preaching by Rev. J. W. Howard, of the Columbus Association, from I John 5: 19, "And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness."

Prayer by Rev. J. L. Thompson.

Adjourned till 9 A. M.

Benediction by the Moderator.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional service by Rev. J. J. Cloud.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Howard.

Scripture lesson 37th Psalm.

Report of committee on Nominations read by B. F. Stripling, Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on Nominations, beg leave to submit the following recommendations, to wit:

W. G. Gregory preach the introductory sermon. Rev. Dr. J. F. Purser preach the missionary sermon.

We, your committee, have been requested by the delegation from Liberty church that the next session of this body be held with the Liberty church. We, your committee, recommend for the same to be done.

We, your committee, recommend the election of the same Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted, B. F. Stripling,
Chairman.

Adopted.

The following Fifth Sunday meetings were appointed:

1. Loachapoka, October, 1899.
2. None to be held in December, 1899.
3. Pleasant Springs, April, 1900.
4. Mount Pleasant, July, 1900.

Report on edueation read by T. J. Carlisle.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education begs leave to submit the following, as their report:

By reference to the reports on this subjeet made at previous session of this body, you will see that the Tuskegee Association has ever regarded the cause of education as important and essentially necessary to the upbuilding of society and the chief handmaid to religion.

As a denomination we are deeply interested in the success of eommon school education at our doors, and the schools to which our children are sent, during the preparatory period, and when they are equipped for entrance into our colleges and institutions of higher order. And when our means will not enable us to give our children a collegiate course of training, we should endeavor to give them the advantages of high school education, which will fit them for the ordinary vocations of life.

In the report on education at your last session, we find the following language or demand: "The great need of Alabama today is an improved public school system for the country districts. There is room for improvement in the length of school terms, and the work and pay of teachers."

Your committee notes with pride that the last legislature made liberal appropriations for education, which will justify longer terms of the schools.

We also see that our present state superintendent has raised the standard of qualifications of the teachers, not only as to their competency, but to their morals.

So now, under the wise administration of our faithful state superintendent, no teacher who can not come up to the high standard of scholarship required and who is of doubtful moral character, can obtain license to teach in our public schools; all of which receives our most hearty approval.

As Baptists we are justly proud of our colleges—the Howard and the Judson. We learn with pride and gratification that graduates from these institutions go out upon the great arena of life with the elements of successful manhood and womanhood, proving ornaments to society and benefactors to mankind. We see from the Howard issue of the Alabama Baptist of August 31, 1899, that the Howard College has furnished both state and church with men of sterling worth, men who have and are still reflecting credit and honor upon their "Alma Mater," their ancestry and upon themselves.

The curriculum or course of study is as high and complete as like institutions in the South; the facilities for illustrating and demonstrating everything usually taught in colleges are amply sufficient and equal to the demand. In a word both colleges in all of their appointments stand as monuments to the wisdom, energy and praise of Alabama Baptist. And now that the debts against them are liquidated, we can truly say our colleges, and go on to still higher achievements.

We see from report of Board on Ministerial Education, made at last session of State Convention by Bro. W. A. Hobson, Chairman, that we have 21 students preparing for the ministry in the Howard and 13 at Theological Seminary. The financial report shows a balance on hand at close of the year, $151.18, which reflects great credit upon the board.

This brings us to the consideration of our Theological Seminary located at Louisville, Ky. This institution has reached the point in its existence where it needs no committee reports or newspaper endorsements and editorials to advertize its glory and sing its songs of praise. Our ministers who are so fortunate as to avail themselves of the superior methods of mental training furnished there go out in the world, prepared to preach the gospel in its simplicity, in its purity, yet with a grandeur that challenges the admiration of the profound and seals conviction to the hearts of the thoughtful.

They stand as so many gallant, valiant gladiators with their steels all burnished and glittering with the enamel of Gods's living truth, shielded by an armor invulnerable to the darts of a wicked world; thus going on from conquering and to conquer, receiving fresh encouragement from each successive achievement, and adding additional stars to their crowns of glory, until at last, when life's fevered dreams shall end, then, and not until then, will the glorious task of christian duty close, and each march up to receive the welcome plaudit, well done thou good and faithful servants, enter into the joys.

Then can the Baptists point to these men of God, and in the language of the Mother Grachi, "These are my jewels."

Respectfully submitted, T. J. CARLISLE.

Discussed by Chairman T. J. Carlisle and Rev. Z. D. Roby. Adopted.

On motion the minute fund was given to the Clerk, for which he should have printed and distributed the minutes.

Resolution of thanks offered by J. L. Wise. Resolved, That the Association and visitors tender to the Pastor and members of Salem Church and to the citizens of the community our hearty thanks for their liberal hospitality and care of the Association and visitors during the meeting. We also render to the Methodist Pastor and members our sincere thanks for the use of their church to the ladies for holding their missionary meeting.

Adopted by a rising vote.

A. M. Cameron made Treasurer's report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Tuskegee Baptist Association:

Your Treasurer begs leave to make the following report:

To amount received during last session of the Association		$ 247 35
Received from Treasurer Executive Committee		20 32
Total		$ 267 67
By amount paid J. H. Wallace for minutes	$ 33 65	
" " " W. R. Adams	17 00	
" " " G. S. Anderson	27 17	
" " " Z. D. Roby	4 72	
" " " J. H. Wallace	17 00	
" " " G. E. Brewer	13 50	
" " " W. C. Bledsoe	32 30	
" " " J. T. Tichnor	36 18	
" " " R. J. Winingham	28 14	
" " " W. A. Hobson	19 95	
" " " J. W. Stewart	35 73	
" " " Bible Work	1 10	
		$ 266 44
To balance on hand		1 23
To cash during this session		255 72
Total		$ 256 96
Total vouchers received this session		1235 96
Total		$1492 91

Adopted.

Preaching by Rev. J. L. Thompson from II Cor. 1:20, "The promises of God."

Prayer by Dr. Z. D. Roby.

On motion, this Association adjourns to meet with the Liberty Baptist Church, (Lee County), about five miles east of Opelika, on Tuesday before the Third Sunday in October, 1900, at 10 o'clock.

The parting hand was given while Mrs. Dr. J. M. Love, organist, of Salem Church, rendered music, and the congregation sang "God be With You till We Meet Again."

Prayer by Rev. J. J. Cloud.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR 1899.

	CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	MISSIONS.						EDUCATION.								
			State.	Home.	Foreign.	Church Buildings (Not at Home).	Associational	Bible and Colportage.	Ministerial.	College Buildings.	Institutes.	Indigent Ministers.	Orphans' Home.	Minutes.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Value of Property.
1	Antioch	Tallapoosa	$	$ 2 00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 2 00	$ 1 00	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	$ 9 00	$ 50 00	$ 500 00
2	Auburn	Lee	10 00	19 08	15 00					60 00	2 43		8 20	3 00	119 63	500 00	3500 00
3	Concord	Lee	1 00	1 00	1 00		2 50				1 50			1 00	8 00	60 00	500 00
4	Concord	Macon		4 82							25		4 20	1 25	10 52	100 00	400 00
5	County Line	Lee		1 00	1 50		5 00		1 25		6 35		2 33	1 25	18 68	35 00	500 00
6	Cubahatchee	Macon	2 50	1 00	4 50		3 00		4 00		3 50		13 05	1 50	33 05	150 00	800 00
7	Elam	Macon			5 20		7 58				2 00		4 00	1 50	20 28	100 00	500 00
8	Elam	Tallapoosa		40	25		1 00				1 50		3 95	2 00	9 10		500 00
9	LaPlace	Macon	2 00		2 00								1 10	1 00	6 10	80 00	600 00
10	Liberty	Lee			4 40		2 94			4 40	2 88		7 75	1 00	22 87	100 00	500 00
11	Loachapoka	Lee	2 24	2 30	6 20		5 00	3 40	5 00		4 81		7 46	1 50	37 91	100 00	1000 00
12	Mount Pleasant	Tallapoosa			3 00		2 65				3 00		6 37	1 00	16 02	75 00	150 00
13	Notasulga	Macon	7 60	4 00	17 45		10 00	11 75	7 75		5 17		13 84	2 50	80 06	200 00	800 00
14	Opelika	Lee	10 00	20 02	66 70		37 30		10 00	400 00	60 00	35 55	69 43	4 00	723 00	1500 00	14000 00
15	Pleasant Grove	Lee		1 31	3 56	1 80	70				56		5 11	2 00	15 04	41 40	200 00
16	Pleasant Hill	Macon		80			75							1 00	2 05		300 00
17	PleasantSprings	Macon									2 00			1 00	3 00		250 00
18	Providence	Lee		1 00	1 75									50	3 25	60 00	300 00
19	Rocky Mount	Lee	2 00	3 00	2 95		2 50				5 00		2 14	1 00	13 59	65 00	500 00
20	Salem	Lee	2 56				5 00			3 60	5 00		9 06	1 50	14 06	132 00	1000 00
21	Salem	Macon	3 40		1 70		5 18			3 05			5 75	1 50	29 44	100 00	600 00
22	Shiloh	Russell	76				7 10			4 00			3 00	2 00	18 66	100 00	500 00
23	Society Hill	Macon	6 00		1 00		2 50							1 50	18 00		600 00
24	Tuskegee	Macon	80 90	19 46	37 80				18 00		33 45		44 30	3 00	234 91	700 00	10000 00
25	Union Grove	Lee	2 50	1 00	3 00		2 50				2 03		1 00	1 50	13 53	100 00	750 00
			$133 46	$ 82 19	$178 96	$ 1 80	$103 20	$ 15 15	$ 46 00	$475 05	$143 43	$ 36 55	$214 04	$ 41 00	$1489 75		

STATISTICS OF TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1899.

	CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK'S NAME AND POSTOFFICE.	Ordained Ministers.	Increase By				Decrease By				Present Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting	Reports Revival.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Baptized from S. S.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Superintendent's Name and Postoffice.			
1	Antioch	Tallapoosa	A. Allen	J. L. Stough, Thornton	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	66	...	...		4	No	No
2	Auburn	Lee	J. J. Cloud	W. B. Frazer, Auburn	1	...	8	...	...	6	...	...	1	111	13	75	J. F. Duggar, Auburn	Every	...	...
3	Concord	Lee	J. H. Wallace	R. W. Dixon, Panstone	1	6	...	4	...	...	7	...	2	44	5	18	W. M. Eiland, Panstone	2	No	Yes
4	Concord	Macon	W. T. Foster	J. B. Myhand, Tuskegee	...	15	5	4	...	4	...	...	...	66	6	26	R. E. Carmack, Notasulga	1	...	Yes
5	County Line	Lee	W. R. Adams	S. L. Adams, Hattie	1	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	18	...	...		3	No	No
6	Cubahatchee	Macon	C. J. Bently	J. R. Simmons, Shorter	...	7	...	2	...	6	...	...	2	69	8	75	J. C. Pinkston, Shorter	1	No	Yes
7	Elam	Macon	W. G. Gregory	G. A. Huguly, Auburn	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	3	40	...	...		4	...	...
8	Elam	Tallapoosa	W. T. Foster	W. J. Gregory, Golddust	1	7	1	5	...	5	1	...	...	79	5	30	M. E. Parker, Golddust	4	Yes	Yes
9	LaPlace	Macon	G. Yates	R. G. Williams	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	...		2	...	...
10	Liberty	Lee	W. G. Gregory	G. M. Key, Opelika	...	8	...	4	...	3	...	...	...	100	5	40	W. J. Sanders, Opelika	1	Yes	Yes
11	Loachapoka	Lee	Geo. E. Brewer	J. L. Wise, Loachapoka	2	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	55	6	10	J. L. Wise, Loachapoka	4	No	...
12	Mount Pleasant	Tallapoosa	W. G. Gregory	J. R. Segrest, Thaddeus	...	5	2	4	...	13	3	...	1	91	6	64	Rev J.W.Partridge,Thaddeus	2	Yes	Yes
13	Notasulga	Macon	Geo. E. Brewer	A. M. Cameron, Notasulga	3	10	11	9	...	9	...	...	2	108	8	60	A. M. Cameron, Notasulga	1	Yes	Yes
14	Opelika	Lee	J. F. Purser	Chas. Shaefer, Opelika	2	10	19	8	...	12	1	...	2	241	20	268	Lum Duke, Opelika	Every	Yes	Yes
15	Pleasant Grove	Lee	E. Davison	E. D. Gullatte, Yale	...	4	...	...	...	10	...	...	1	62	...	...		2	No	Yes
16	Pleasant Hill	Macon	W. R. Adams	Willie Davis, Tuskegee	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	26	...	...		2	No	No
17	Pleasant Springs	Macon	W. R. Adams	A. J. Cooper, Tuskegee	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	...		2	No	No
18	Providence	Lee	O. M. Sutton	Dr. P. L. Peters, Opelika	...	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	...	...		2	No	Yes
19	Rocky Mount	Lee	J. H. Wallace	R. J. Tillery, Wacoochee	...	...	1	...	1	6	5	...	...	50	4	15	R. J. Tillery, Wacoochee	1	No	Yes
20	Salem	Lee	Z. D. Roby	T. E. Stringer, Salem	...	...	3	...	...	2	...	...	1	62	8	39	Dr. J. M. Love, Salem	4	Yes	...
21	Salem	Macon	W. G. Gregory	W. A. Jackson, Golddust	...	3	1	1	...	4	1	...	...	57	7	28	R. L. Jackson, Golddust	3	...	Yes
22	Shiloh	Russell	J. H. Wallace	J. L. Chadwick, Uhland	...	12	5	4	4	15	1	...	2	100	5	30	W. M. Jenkins, Uhland	4	Yes	Yes
23	Society Hill	Macon	W. T. Foster	A. H. Rutherford, Alliance	...	6	6	2	...	1	...	...	...	33	4	23	Reuben Lawson, Society Hill	2	No	Yes
24	Tuskegee	Macon	S. J. Catts	Geo. C. Wright, Tuskegee	...	4	3	...	...	8	...	...	...	101	8	45	W. D. Fonville, Tuskegee	Every	Yes	Yes
25	Union Grove	Lee	J. H. Wallace	Monroe Green, Chewacla	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	84	7	20	W. W. Williams, Opelika	3	Yes	Yes
					13	104	75	48	8	107	22	3	18	1733	125	896				

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called the TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, composed of messengers chosen from the different churches constituting it, holding annual sessions at such times and places as it may select.

ART. 2. Believing that churches are independent religious bodies, owing allegiance only to Christ, this Association claims no right to intefere authoritatively with their internal concerns.

ART. 3. The Association shall elect from its membership, at each annual session, by ballot, a moderator, clerk, treasurer and an executive committee, composed of five brethren, who shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. The moderator shall preside over the body, appoint all committees, unless otherwise instructed, and decide all points of order by the rules in Mell's Parliamentary Practice, subject to an appeal to the body.

ART. 5. The clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings, direct the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and perform such other duties as belong to his office.

ART. 6. The treasurer shall take charge of the money and general property of the Association; report in writing at each annual session, the condition of the finances, exhibiting vouchers for the sums paid out; he shall also provide himself with blank receipts, to be filled and handed to the delegates from the several churches respectively, who may bring up funds, and at the expiration of his term, deliver to his successor the property of the Association in hand.

ART. 7. The advisory committee may fill vacancies occurring in its membership, and shall, under the direction of the Association, manage its business during its adjournment.

ART. 8. At each session, committees of three shall be appointed to report in writing the following subjects: Preaching, Documents, Sunday Schools, Missions, Deceased Ministers, Education, and Temperance.

ART. 9. Churches wishing to pecome members of this body, must petition by letter or messenger, and if found to be scriptural in doctrine and practice, be received to fellowship by vote of the Association, and welcomed by the moderator.

ART. 10. Churches wishing to change their membership, may petition by letter or messenger, and if in fellowship with the body, be dismissed in due form. Any infringement of the laws of this Association, or departure from the faith and practice of the Scriptures by a church, will be a cause of complaint against such church, and will subject it to the discipline of the body.

ART. 11. Messengers, before being enrolled as members, must present evidence of their appointment, giving also the number of the membership of their church, the number received during the past year by baptism, letter and restoration, the number dismissed, expelled and dead, with an account of all the money given to the support of the gospel and general benevolence, the condition of the Sunday school, with statistics, prayer meetings and other good works engaged in by their churches.

ART. 12. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers; when the membership is fifty, to three, and one for every additional twenty-five, or fractional part thereof.

ART. 13. Amendments to the Constitution may be made by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. 14. The Minutes of the Association must be read, approved and signed by the moderator and clerk before final adjournment.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the existence of one only living God, and that He has made Himself known to His people under the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and every Divine perfection.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election; that God chose in Christ Jesus from before the foundation of the world to save them that believe, that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestinated them unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, sanctified, by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that nothing can separate true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

9. We believe that the baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church of Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and that immersion only is baptism.

10. We believe in the resurrection and the general judgment.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joy of the righteous will be everlasting.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come unto the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.